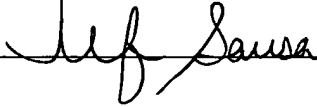


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449 and a copy of the documents listed thereon. These documents contain information which the Examiner should consider during examination of the present application.

Attached is a brochure, data sheet, and installation instructions describing the "TOPMARK" system that describes installation of a sheet of detectable warning domes. The warning domes are made of thermoplastic which is susceptible to deformation upon exposure to heat. Accordingly, a complex


installation scheme is described that seeks to prevent exposing the domes to the heat employed for installation. In contrast, the Applicant's encapsulation of heat resistant domes within thermoplastic allows easier installation, and a more consistent bond between the thermoplastic carrier and the recipient surface.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that the documents cited be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to the document. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider the cited documents to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56, but the citation of these documents is not to be construed as an admission that such documents are necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner, in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR 1.104(a) and, in the course of each search, will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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TOPMARK BROCHURE	Estimated Late 2003
TOPMARK Material Safety Data Sheet	May 8, 2003
TOPMARK Installation Instructions	June 3, 2003
TOPMARK Detectable Warning Specification	July 23, 2003

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